
Agenda Item 12: GAC Underserved Regions Working Group (USRWG)

NOTE: This briefing has been prepared by ICANN GAC support staff.

Background

The GAC Underserved Regions Working Group will be meeting on Sunday 11 March from 12:00 to 12:45.

The draft agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Capacity Development Workshops update and next steps
- Onboarding Program update
- Revision of the work plan
- New joint efforts potential requests

Capacity Development Workshops

At ICANN61, the GAC will start its meetings with its Capacity Building Workshop dedicated to DNS Services resiliency and recovery in the context of natural disaster. This topic was raised following the destructive impact of hurricanes on multiple countries and territories. The agenda of the workshop can be found [here](#).

Related to this topic, the ccNSO and the ALAC will have a joint session on the impact of natural disasters on ccTLDs, registrars and registrants, including mitigation of the impact (Wednesday 14 March from 09:00 to 10:15).

In February, [the ALAC had highlighted to the GAC Leadership](#), the importance of coordinating efforts regarding capacity building events similar to that which had occurred at previous workshops. This is a matter that will be raised during the Working Group meeting.

The working group developed a high-level capacity development work plan for 2018 that can be accessed here : <https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-capacity-development-workshops>

Onboarding Pilot Program

The Community Onboarding Pilot Program is designed to improve engagement and retention of new participants within ICANN through the creation of a structured, year-round (not meeting-focused) onboarding process tailored by and for each community group.

A mentor and a mentee are selected within each Supporting Organization (SO) and Advisory Committee (AC).

Rapid Sun, Cambodia and his mentee Amicia Mussenden, Saint Kitts and Nevis have been creating an induction pack for GAC Members wishing to learn about the GAC, its work and involvement in ICANN.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to update the GAC USR WG on what has been implemented since ICANN60 and to identify next steps to support newcomers to the GAC.

For more information, see ICANN61 briefing on Agenda Item 32. ICANN Learn and Onboarding Program.

Workplan

The working group will discuss its work plan to ensure current developments are updated. The work plan will remain a living document for working group members to update as tasks are completed and new initiatives added.

Joint efforts requests

Following the work undertaken by the country code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) and GAC USR WG on [delegation and redelegation of ccTLDs](#), the intent during the Working Group meeting is to gather information on potential topics that Members wish to discuss and have further information on.

Participation in Cross-Community Working Groups (CCWGs) and Policy Development Processes (PDPs)

There is a need for increased participation by representatives of underserved regions in the Policy Development Processes (PDPs) and Cross Community Working Groups (CCWGs).

The Working Group Meeting will seek to have volunteers participate in these processes to ensure that the views and interests of the underserved regions are articulated and incorporated into the discussions.

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